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- ✓ Legislative actions add strength to Indiana's growing economy
- ✓ Indiana leading nation in economic development, job growth, education
- ✓ Information on the new Lewis and Clark plates

Indiana's Growing Economy

Retaining College Graduates

- Legislative efforts promoting job creation **incentives have targeted growing sectors of the economy:** Advance manufacturing, life sciences, information technology and 21st century logistics.
- The General Assembly has focused on helping Hoosier students receive a quality education through **substantial financial support of Indiana's higher education institutions.**
- The legislature has dramatically improved the accessibility of Indiana's higher education institutions through our Community College initiative.

Drawing in New Industry

- This year the legislature passed Public Law 81, which makes the state's **Research and Development Tax Credit permanent** and extends an important Business Investment Tax Credit for two years.
- In 2003 the legislature passed a bill that appropriated **\$75 million toward the 21st Century Research and Technology Fund** for new and emerging high-tech companies which provide high-wage jobs.
- Certified Technology parks are now being established in Indiana, **encouraging high-technology businesses to locate within specific areas of the state.**

Protecting Hoosier Companies

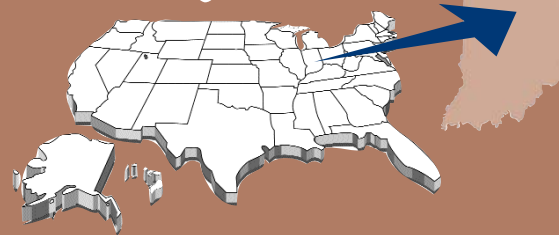
- Public Law 66 was passed during the last legislative session to stimulate Indiana's economy by providing a **price preference to Hoosier businesses for public works and procurement contracts.**
- The legislature helped support small businesses by furnishing access to a Microenterprise Partnership Program that helps with **grants for training and technical assistance.**

Energizing Indiana

- Legislative efforts included funding for research of new uses of agricultural products and **establishing a pilot program for economic development in rural areas.**
- The state constitution was amended to **eliminate the inventory tax**, which had been putting Hoosier businesses at a disadvantage with outside firms.



Taking the Lead!



☑ This spring, *Site Selection* magazine ranked Indiana as the number one state for economic development.

☑ In January Indiana was named in *Plants Sites and Parks* as one of the top 10 states for new or expanding businesses.

☑ Indiana has led the Midwest and is ninth in the nation in job growth for the past two years.

☑ The Tax Foundation ranks Indiana first in the Midwest and 11th in the country for most business-friendly tax climate.

☑ The 2004 rankings by the National Policy Research Council listed Indiana third in the nation for education.



Bottorff legislation to aid Clark County

I am proud to have authored the following legislation which has now become law:

House Bill 1277 was passed this year and defines certain provisions in wetland regulations and adds specific definitions such as "dredged material" and "ponds." It also provides that certain wetland activities shall be authorized by a general permit rule. This bill is a true economic development piece of legislation and shall be of vital assistance to the local residents.

In 2003 I authored House Bill 1798 which was passed by the House and the Senate but was vetoed by the late Governor Frank O'Bannon. During the 2004 legislative session this veto was overridden to allow the bill to become law. House Bill 1798 will end the vehicle emissions testing program in Clark and Floyd counties and will prohibit the state from charging fees for such testing.

This bill contained other issues beneficial to our district, including an initiative that will allow counties other than Marion County to establish a department of storm water management. It also establishes a program for the issuance of permits for filling, dredging or excavating certain wetlands.



Lewis and Clark bill signed by Governor Kernan

I am pleased to report that Governor Joe Kernan has signed into law legislation that I authored to perpetuate Indiana's Lewis and Clark Bicentennial Commission and simplify the process of obtaining special license plates.

House Bill 1301 requires the state's license branches to offer a Lewis and Clark Bicentennial plate to the public upon request, a move that eliminates the task of ordering a Lewis and Clark license plate from the Tourism Bureau. A stipend of \$25 will go to the Lewis and Clark Fund each time one of these special license plates is sold. This new policy goes into effect January 2005.



The proceeds from the stipend will be used to promote the significance of Clark County and Clarksville as points of interest along the route of the Lewis and Clark Expedition. The provisions of this bill are certain to boost tourism and awareness of our area.

The new law also allows other groups that sell at least 5,000 specialty license plates during a calendar year to have their plates readily available at local BMV branches.

The Riley Children's Foundation Trust license plate also will be available at local BMV branches, with proceeds from the sale deposited into the trust fund for the Riley Children's Foundation.

These measures preserve Indiana's rich history, generate greater revenues from tourism and license plates, and help various groups raise money and promote their own important causes. Everybody wins, and that points to good legislation.